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A. Organization of work

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 8 April 2002, the World Assembly approved the agenda and organization of its work (A/CONF.197/1) and decided to allocate agenda item 9 (Political Declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002) to the Main Committee, which was to submit its recommendations to the Assembly.

2. The Main Committee held ___ meetings, from 8 to ___ April 2002. It also held a number of informal meetings in two working groups.

3. The Main Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Addenda to the report of the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing on the work of its second session, containing the draft political declaration and agreed amendments thereto (A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and 4);

(b) Addenda to the report of the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing on the work of its second session, containing the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002 and agreed amendments thereto (A/CONF.197/3/Add.2, 3 and 5).

4. The Chairman of the Main Committee was Felipe Paolillo (Uruguay), who was elected by acclamation at the 1st plenary meeting of the Assembly on 8 April.

5. The Main Committee, at its 1st and ___ meetings, on 8 and ___ April, elected the following officers by acclamation:

Vice-Chairmen:
Aicha **Afifi** (Morocco)
Maria José **Carrilho** (Portugal)
Ivana **Grollová** (Czech Republic)

Ms. Grollová also served as Rapporteur of the Main Committee.

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6. Also at its 1st meeting, the Main Committee established two Working Groups and designated Aicha Afifi (Morocco) Chairperson of Working Group I, which considered the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002. The Chairman of the Main Committee chaired Working Group II, which considered the draft political declaration.

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Draft political declaration

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1. At its ____ meeting, on ___ April 2002, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft political declaration[1] and recommended them to the Assembly for adoption:

2. Article 1 was revised to read:

> "We, the representatives of Governments meeting at the Second World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid, have decided to adopt an international plan of action on ageing to respond to the opportunities and challenges of population ageing in the twenty-first century and to promote the development of a society for all ages. In the context of the plan of action, we are committed to actions at all levels, including national and international levels, on three priority directions: older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; and ensuring enabling and supportive environments."

3. Article 10 and its alternative text were revised to read:

> "The potential of older persons is a powerful basis for future development. This enables society to rely increasingly on the skills, experience and wisdom of older persons, not only to take the lead in their own betterment but also to participate actively in that of society as a whole."

4. Article 13 was revised to read:

> "We recognize the important role played by families, volunteers, communities, older persons organizations and other community-based organizations in providing support and informal care to older persons in addition to services provided by Governments."

[1] For the text of the draft political declaration, see A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and 4.

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5. Article 17 was revised to read:

"We invite all people in all countries from every sector of society, individually and collectively, to join in our dedication to a shared vision of equality for persons of all ages."

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Draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002*

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1. At its _____ meeting, on _____ April 2002, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002 and recommended them to the Assembly for adoption.

2. Under paragraph 42, the paragraph containing the new action proposed by Canada was deleted.

3. Paragraph 48 new (a) was revised to read:

"Reduce the proportion of persons living in extreme poverty by one half by 2015."

4. Paragraph 48 (d) and its alternative text were revised to read:

"Develop as appropriate and at all appropriate levels, age and gender-relevant poverty indicators as an essential means to identify the needs of poor older women and encourage the use of existing indicators of poverty so that the review is carried out according to age group and gender."

5. Paragraph 52, Objective 1, was revised to read:

"Promotion of programmes to enable all workers to acquire basic social protection/social security, including, where applicable, pensions, disability insurance and health benefits."

6. Paragraph 52 (f) was revised to read:

"Strive to ensure the integrity, sustainability, solvency and transparency of pension schemes, and, where appropriate, disability insurance."

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7. Paragraph 52 (g) was revised to read:

"Establish a regulatory framework for private and supplementary pension, and, where appropriate, disability insurance."

8. Paragraph 64 (e) and its alternative texts were revised to read:

"Take comprehensive action to prevent the abuse of alcohol, to reduce the use of tobacco products and the involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke to promote the cessation of tobacco use at all ages."

9. After paragraph 64 (e), the text proposed by the European Union (EU)/Group of 77 (G77) and its alternative text proposed by the Facilitator were revised to read:

"Set in place and implement legal and administrative measures and organize public information and health promotion, including campaigns to reduce the exposure to environmental pollutants from childhood and throughout life."

10. Paragraph 66 (a) bis and its alternative text were revised to read:

"Achieve food security by ensuring a safe and nutritionally adequate food supply at both the national and international levels. In this regard, ensure that food and medicine are not used as tools for political pressure."

11. After paragraph 66 (g), the text of the new action proposed by the EU/Holy See and its alternative text proposed by the Facilitator were revised to read:

"66 (h) Ensure appropriate and adequate provision of accessible nutrition and food for older persons in hospital and other care settings."

12. Paragraph 68 and its alternative texts were revised to read:

"Primary health care is essential health care based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and technology made universally accessible to individuals and families in the community through their full participation and at a cost that the community and country can afford to maintain at every stage of their development in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination. Older persons can experience financial, physical, psychological and legal barriers to health care services. They may also encounter age discrimination and age-related disability discrimination in the provision of services because their treatment may be perceived to have less value than the treatment of younger persons."

13. Paragraph 68 bis was revised to read:

"We recognize the gravity of the public health problems afflicting many developing countries and least-developed countries, especially those resulting from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other epidemics. We stress the need for the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) to be part of the wider national and international action to address these problems."

14. A new paragraph following paragraph 68 bis was inserted, reading:

"68 ter. Intellectual property protection is important for the development of new medicines. We also recognize the concerns about its effects on prices. We agree that TRIPS Agreement does not and should not prevent members from taking measures to protect public health. Accordingly, while reiterating our

commitment to the TRIPS Agreement we affirm that the agreement can and should be interpreted and implemented in a manner supportive of Governments' right to protect public health and, in particular, to promote access to medicines for all."

15. Paragraph 70 (b) was deleted.

16. The paragraph between paragraph 71, Objective 2, and paragraph 71 (c) and its alternative text were revised to read:

"71. New merged (a) and (b) Take measures to provide universal and equal access to primary health care and establish community health programmes for older persons."

17. Paragraph 71 (e) bis was revised to read:

"Encourage, at all levels, arrangements and incentives to mobilize commercial enterprises, especially pharmaceutical enterprises, to invest in research aimed at finding remedies that can be provided at affordable prices for diseases that particularly afflict older persons in developing countries, and invite the World Health Organization to consider improving partnerships between the public and private sectors in the area of health research."

18. Paragraph 72 (b) and its alternative text were revised to read:

"Implement community development strategies that determine a systematic needs assessment baseline for the planning, execution and evaluation of locally based health programmes. The baseline should include contributions from older persons;"

19. Paragraph 73 (c) and its alternative text were revised to read:

"Promote self-care in older persons and maximize their strengths and abilities within health and social services."

20. Paragraph 73 (d) proposed by EU and its alternative text proposed by the Facilitator were revised to read:

"Integrate the needs and perceptions of older persons in the shaping of health policy."

21. The two alternative texts to paragraph 81 (a) were deleted, and the following text of paragraph 81 (a) was accepted, to read:

"Develop and implement national and local strategies designed to improve prevention, timely detection and treatment of mental illness in old age, including diagnostic procedures, appropriate medication, psychotherapy and education for professionals and informal caregivers;"

22. After paragraph 81 (a) EU proposed new action (a) text was deleted, and the Facilitator's text was accepted, to read:

"Develop, where appropriate, effective strategies to increase the level of quality assessment and diagnosis of Alzheimer's and related disorders at an early stage of the disease. Research on these disorders should be undertaken on a multidisciplinary basis that meets the needs of the patient, health professionals and carers."

23. Paragraph 81 (f) and its alternative texts were revised to read:

"Develop a comprehensive continuum of services in the community to prevent unnecessary institutionalization."

24. Paragraph 81 (f) bis was revised to read:

"Establish services and facilities that provide safety and treatment and that promote personal dignity to meet the needs of older persons suffering from mental disorders."

25. Paragraph 81 (f) ter and its alternative texts were deleted.

26. After paragraph 81 (g), the following text of the new action proposed by Canada/EU/United States of America (US) was agreed upon, to read:

"81 (h) Provide mental health services to older persons residing in long-term care facilities."

27. After new paragraph 81 (h), the two alternative texts proposed by the G77/EU and the Facilitator were replaced by the following paragraph, reading:

"81 (i) Provide ongoing training to health care professionals in the detection and assessment of all mental disorders and depression."

28. After paragraph 96 (h), two new paragraphs were inserted, reading:

"96 (i) Enhance, through appropriate measures, self-reliance of older women and men and create conditions that promote quality of life and enable them to work and live independently in their own communities for as long as possible or as long as desired."

"96 (j) Promote provision of community-based care and support of family care, taking into account equal distribution of caring responsibilities between women and men through measures for better reconciliation of working and family life;"

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1. At its _____ meeting, on _____ April 2002, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002 and recommended them to the Assembly for adoption:

2. The proposed new action (a) proposed by the Group of 77 (G77) under paragraph 55 was revised to read:

> "Take concrete measures to protect and assist older persons in situations of armed conflict and foreign occupation, including through the provision of physical and mental rehabilitation services for those who are disabled in these situations."

3. Paragraph 84 (c) and its alternative text were revised to read:

> "Provide physical and mental rehabilitation services for older persons with disabilities;"

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1. At its _____ meeting, on 12 April 2002, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft political declaration[1] and recommended them to the Assembly for adoption.

2. Article 2 was revised to read:

> "We celebrate rising life expectancy in many regions of the world as one of humanity's major achievements. We recognize that the world is experiencing an unprecedented demographic transformation and that by 2050 the number of persons aged 60 years and over will increase from 600 million to almost 2 billion and that the proportion of persons aged 60 years and over is expected to double from 10 per cent to 21 per cent. The increase will be greatest and most rapid in developing countries where the older population is expected to quadruple during the next 50 years. This demographic transformation challenges all our societies to promote increased opportunities, in particular opportunities for older persons to realize their potential to participate fully in all aspects of life."

3. Article 3 was revised to read:

> "We reiterate the commitments made by our heads of State and Governments at major United Nations conferences and summits, at their follow-up processes and in the Millennium Declaration with respect to the promotion of international and national environments that will foster a society for all ages. We furthermore reaffirm the Principles and Recommendations for Action of the International Plan of Action on Ageing endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1982 and the United Nations Principles for Older Persons adopted by the General Assembly in 1991, which provided guidance in areas of independence, participation, care, self-fulfilment and dignity."

[1] For the text of the draft political declaration, see A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and 4.

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4. A new article was inserted following article 8, to read:

"8 bis. We commit ourselves to protect and assist older persons in situations of armed conflict and foreign occupation."

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1. At its _____ meeting, on _____ April 2002, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002 and recommended them to the Assembly for adoption.

2. Paragraph 12, as contained in document A/CONF.197/3/Add.2, with the deletion of footnote 3, was agreed upon.

3. Paragraph 33 was revised to read:

> "Despite restrictions on legal international migration, migration flows have increased internationally. In developing countries and countries with economies in transition, economic support, including remittances from children abroad, is often a vital lifeline to older persons and through them to their communities and local economies. As international migrants from earlier decades grow older, some Governments are seeking to assist older migrants."

4. After paragraph 48 (e), the new actions proposed by the Group of 77 (G77) as well as the new action proposed by the European Union (EU), were deleted and replaced by the following:

> "48. (f) Enhance international cooperation to support national efforts to eradicate poverty in keeping with internationally agreed goals in order to achieve sustainable social and economic support for older persons."

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5. After paragraph 48 (f), a new paragraph was inserted, to read:

"48. (g) Strengthen the capacities of developing countries to address the obstacles that hinder their participation in an increasingly globalized economy in order to assist them in their efforts to eradicate poverty, in particular poverty among older persons."

6. Paragraph 67 was revised to read:

"Investing in health care and rehabilitation for older persons extends their healthy and active years. The ultimate goal is a continuum of care ranging from health promotion and disease prevention to the provision of primary health care, acute care treatment, rehabilitation, community care for chronic health problems, physical and mental rehabilitation for older persons, including older persons with disabilities, and palliative care[1] for older persons suffering painful or incurable illness or disease. Effective care for older persons needs to integrate physical, mental, social, spiritual and environmental factors."

7. Paragraph 70 (d) was revised to read:

"Implement international obligations to ensure the access of older persons to primary health care without discrimination based on age or other forms of discrimination."

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[1] The definition of palliative care, based on that of the World Health Organization (WHO), is the active total care of patients whose disease is not responsive to curative treatment, namely by controlling pain and other symptoms of the disease and offering psychological, social and spiritual support to patients and their families.

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1. At its 3rd meeting, on 12 April 2002, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft political declaration* and recommended them to the Assembly for adoption:

2. Articles 4 and 4 bis were deleted;

3. Article 5 was revised to read:

> "We reaffirm the commitment to spare no effort to promote democracy, strengthen the rule of law and promote gender equality, as well as to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development. We commit ourselves to eliminating all forms of discrimination, including age discrimination. We also recognize that persons, as they age, should enjoy a life of fulfilment, health, security and active participation in the economic, social, cultural and political life of their societies. We are determined to enhance the recognition of the dignity of older persons and to eliminate all forms of neglect, abuse and violence".

4. Article 6 was revised to read:

> "The modern world has unprecedented wealth and technological capacity and has presented extraordinary opportunities: to empower men and women to reach old age in better health and with more fully realized well-being; to seek the full inclusion and participation of older persons in societies; to enable older persons to contribute more effectively to their communities and to the development of their societies; and to steadily improve care and support for older persons as they need it. We recognize that concerted action is required to transform the opportunities and the quality of life of men and women as they age a[illegible] to ensure the sustainability of their support systems, thus building the foundation for a society for all ages. When ageing is embraced as an

* For the text of the draft political declaration, see A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and 4.

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achievement, the reliance on human skills, experiences and resources of the higher age groups is naturally recognized as an asset in the growth of mature, fully integrated, humane societies".

5. A new article was inserted following article 6, to read:

"6 bis At the same time, considerable obstacles to further integration and full participation in the global economy remain for developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, as well as for some countries with economies in transition. Unless the benefits of social and economic development are extended to all countries, a growing number of people, particularly older persons in all countries and even entire regions, will remain marginalized from the global economy. For this reason, we recognize the importance of placing ageing in development agendas, as well as in strategies for the eradication of poverty and in seeking to achieve full participation in the global economy of all developing countries".

6. Article 8 and its alternative text were revised to read:

"We commit ourselves to the task of effectively incorporating ageing within social and economic strategies, policies and action while recognizing that specific policies will vary according to conditions within each country. We recognize the need to mainstream a gender perspective into all policies and programmes to take account of the needs and experiences of older women and men".

7. Article 9 was deleted.

8. Article 10 bis was revised to read:

"We emphasize the importance of international research on ageing and age-related issues as an important instrument for the formulation of policies on ageing, based on reliable and harmonized indicators developed by, inter alia, national and international statistical organizations".

9. Article 11 was revised to read:

"The expectations of older persons and the economic needs of society demand that older persons be able to participate in the economic, political, social and cultural life of their societies. Older persons should have the opportunity to work for as long as they wish and are able to, in satisfying and productive work, continuing to have access to education and training programmes. The empowerment of older persons and the promotion of their full participation are essential elements for active ageing. For older persons, appropriate sustainable social support should be provided".

10. Article 12 was revised to read:

"We stress the primary responsibility of Governments in promoting, providing and ensuring access to basic social services, bearing in mind specific needs of older persons. To this end we need to work together with local authorities, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, private sector, volunteers and voluntary organizations, older persons themselves and associations for and of older persons, as well as families and communities".

11. Article 12 bis was revised to read:

"We recognize the need to achieve progressively the full realization of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. We reaffirm that the attainment of the highest possible level of health is a most important worldwide social goal, the realization of which requires action of many other social and economic sectors in addition to the health sector. We commit ourselves to providing older persons with universal and equal access to health care and services, including physical and mental health services, and we recognize that the growing needs of an ageing population require additional policies, in particular care and treatment, the promotion of healthy lifestyles and supportive environments. We shall promote independence, accessibility and the empowerment of older persons to participate fully in all aspects of society. We recognize the contribution of older persons to development in their role as caregivers".

12. Article 14 was revised to read:

"We recognize the need to strengthen solidarity among generations and intergenerational partnerships, keeping in mind the particular needs of both older and younger ones, and encourage mutually responsive relationships between generations".

13. Article 15 and its alternative text proposed by Mexico were revised to read:

"Governments have the primary responsibility for providing leadership on ageing matters and on the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, but effective collaboration between national and local Governments, international agencies, older persons themselves and their organizations, other parts of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and the private sector is essential. The implementation of the Plan of Action will require the partnership and involvement of many stakeholders: professional organizations; corporations; workers and workers organizations; cooperatives; research, academic and other educational and religious institutions; and the media".

14. Article 16 was revised to read:

"We underline the important role of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, in assisting the Governments, at their request, in the implementation, follow-up and national monitoring of the International Plan of Action on Ageing 2002, taking into account the differences in economic, social and demographic conditions existing among countries and regions".

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1. At its 3rd meeting, on 12 April 2002, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft political declaration* and recommended them to the Assembly for adoption:

2. Article 3 bis was revised to read:

> "We emphasize that in order to complement national efforts to fully implement in International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, enhanced international cooperation is essential. We therefore encourage the international community to further promote cooperation among all actors involved."

3. In each article, the words "Plan of Action" were changed to "International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002".

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1. At its ____ meeting, on __ April 2002, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002 and recommended them to the Assembly for adoption.

2. Paragraphs 1, 3, 10 and 17 were deleted.

3. In each paragraph the words "Plan of Action" were changed to "International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002".

4. Paragraph 55 (a) was revised to read:

> "Call upon Governments to protect, assist and provide humanitarian assistance and humanitarian emergency assistance to older persons in situations of internal displacement, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions".

5. Paragraph 72 (f) and its alternative texts were revised to read:

> "Support the provision of palliative care[1] and its integration into comprehensive health care. To this end, develop standards for training and palliative care, and encourage multidisciplinary approaches for all service providers of palliative care".

6. After paragraph 72 (f), the three new actions proposed by Canada, as well as the Facilitator's alternative text to the Canadian proposals were deleted and replaced with the following text:

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* For the text of the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002, see A/CONF.197/3/Add.2, 3 and 5.

[1] The definition of palliative, which is based on that of the World Health Organization (WHO), is the active total care of patients whose disease is not responsive to curative treatment, namely by controlling pain and other symptoms of the disease and offering psychological, social and spiritual support to patients and their families.

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"72 (g) Promote the establishment and coordination of a full range of services in the continuum of care, including prevention and promotion, primary care, acute care, rehabilitation, long-term and palliative care, so that resources can be deployed flexibly to meet the variable and changing health needs of older persons".

7. The proposal of the Group of 77 (G77) for paragraph 84 (g) bis was deleted and the Facilitator's proposed alternative text was agreed upon.

8. Paragraph 85 bis was revised to read:

"The mobilization of domestic and international resources for social development is an essential component for the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002. Since 1982, reforms to promote the effective and efficient utilization of existing resources have received increasing attention. However, inadequate national revenue generation and collection, combined with new challenges regarding social services and social protection systems resulting from, for instance, demographic changes and other factors, jeopardize the financing of social services and social protection systems in many countries. There is also greater acceptance that the increasing debt burden faced by the most indebted developing countries is unsustainable and constitutes one of the principal obstacles to achieving progress in people-centred sustainable development and poverty eradication. For many developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, excessive debt servicing has severely constrained their capacity to promote social development and provide basic services".

9. After paragraph 85 bis, a new paragraph 85 ter was inserted, to read:

"We note with concern current estimates of dramatic shortfalls in resources required to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration.[2] Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, demands a new partnership between developed and developing countries. We commit ourselves to sound policies, good governance at all levels and the rule of law. We also commit ourselves to mobilizing domestic resources, attracting international flows, promoting international trade as an engine for development, increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development, sustainable debt financing and external debt relief and enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems".

10. Paragraph 102 was revised to read:

"A positive view of ageing is an integral aspect of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002. Recognition of the authority, wisdom, dignity and restraint that comes with a lifetime of experience has been a normal feature of the respect accorded to the old throughout history. These values are often neglected in some societies and older persons are disproportionately portrayed as a drain on the economy, with their escalating need for health and support services. Although healthy ageing is naturally an increasingly important issue for older persons, public focus on the scale and cost of health care, pensions

[2] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

and other services have sometimes fostered a negative image of ageing. Images of older persons as attractive, diverse and creative individuals making vital contributions must compete for the public's attention. Older women are particularly affected by misleading and negative stereotypes: instead of being portrayed in ways that reflect their contributions, strengths, resourcefulness and humanity, they are often depicted as weak and dependent. This reinforces exclusionary practices at the local and national levels".

11. Paragraph 104 ter and the paragraph following it were deleted.

12. The last sentence of paragraph 105 was revised to read:

"Accordingly, progress in the implementation of the Plan should be contingent upon effective partnership between Governments, all parts of civil society and the private sector, as well as an enabling environment based, inter alia, on democracy, the rule of law, respect for all human rights, fundamental freedoms and good governance at all levels: including national and international levels".

13. The paragraph in bold immediately following paragraph 105 was deleted.

14. Paragraph 107 was agreed upon.

15. After paragraph 107, two new paragraphs were inserted, to read:

"107 bis. We recognize that globalization and interdependence are opening new opportunities through trade, investment and capital flows and advances in technology, including information technology, for the growth of the world economy, development and improvement of living standards around the world. At the same time, there remain serious challenges, including serious financial crises, insecurity, poverty, exclusion and inequality within and among societies. Considerable obstacles to further integration and full participation in the global economy remain for developing countries, in particular, the least developed countries, as well as for some countries with economies in transition. Unless the benefits of social and economic development are extended to all countries, a growing number of people in all countries and even entire regions will remain marginalized from the global economy. We must act now in order to overcome those obstacles affecting peoples and countries and to realize the full potential of opportunities presented for the benefit of all". [*Based on General Assembly resolutions S-24/2, annex, para. 4 (Political declaration of the special session of the General Assembly)*]

"107 ter. Globalization offers opportunities and challenges. The developing countries and countries with economies in transition face special difficulties in responding to those challenges and opportunities. Globalization should be fully inclusive and equitable, and there is a strong need for policies and measures at the national and international levels, formulated and implemented with the full and effective participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to help them respond effectively to those challenges and opportunities." [*Based on the Monterrey Consensus, A/CONF.198/3, para. 7*]

16. In paragraph 109:

(a) The three sections were consolidated into one paragraph;

(b) In the second sentence, the square brackets and the words contained therein were deleted:

(c) The sentence beginning with the words "Other priorities" was revised to read:

"Other priorities for international cooperation on ageing should include exchanges of experiences and best practices, researchers and research findings and data collection to support policy and programme development as appropriate; establishment of income-generating projects; and information dissemination".

17. In paragraph 110, the brackets and the words in bold were deleted.

18. Paragraph 113 was revised to read:

"There is a need to encourage and advance comprehensive, diversified and specialized research on ageing in all countries, particularly in developing countries. Research, including age and gender-sensitive data collection and analysis, provides essential evidence for effective policies. A principal task of the research component of the Plan of Action is to facilitate as appropriate, the implementation of the recommendations and actions defined in the Plan. The availability of reliable information is indispensable in identifying emerging issues and adopting recommendations. Elaborating and using, as appropriate, comprehensive and practical tools for evaluation such as key indicators, is also necessary to facilitate a timely policy response".

19. Paragraph 114 was revised to read:

"International research on ageing is also needed to support policy responses to ageing and to the operational success of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002. This would assist in promoting international coordination of research on ageing".

20. Paragraphs 116 and 117 were replaced by the following paragraph to read:

"116/117. The Commission for Social Development will be responsible for follow-up and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002. The Commission should integrate the different dimensions of population ageing as contained in the current Plan of Action in its work. Reviews and appraisals will be critical for effective follow-up to the Assembly and their modalities should be decided as soon as possible".

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Adopts the Political Declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, annexed to the present resolution.

Annex I
Political Declaration

[For the text of the Political Declaration, see A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and Add.4, as amended by A/CONF.197/MC/L.1/Add.1, 4, _____]

Annex II
International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

[For the text of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, see A/CONF.197/3/Add.2, 3 and 5, as amended by A/CONF.197/MC/L.1/Add.2, 3, _____]

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